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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

ATTENTION: Executive for Administration and Management

THROUGH: Office of Operations

SUBJECT: Local Procurement at FSIB Mediterranean Bureau

Reference is made to letter of 3 March 1947 from Executive for Personnel and Administration to Chief, [ ] outlining procurement procedures.

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Upon the withdrawal of all American Army units from [ ] the primary channel for local procurement, as outlined in cited letter, became unavailable to the Mediterranean Bureau, and the only local procurement authorized is now the allowance for petty purchases limited to \$10 per item and \$50 per month. Efforts to confine all procurement to requisitions submitted to CIO Service Branch in Washington have proved unsatisfactory because of shipping lags, delays in customs offices, the arrival of some supplies in unusable condition and the impracticability of anticipating all requirements with precision several months in advance.

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It is therefore recommended that procedures for local procurement on the open market be set up for the Mediterranean Bureau, to be used when necessary at the discretion of the Mission Chief within the \$100 legal limitation and within the Bureau's authorized table of requirements (for procurement in excess of \$25) and allocation of funds.

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Acting Chief, FSIB

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